

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Thomas B. Haverstock on 4/16/2009.
3. The application has been amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims

4. Please cancel claim 39.
5. Please amend claims 1 and 27 as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method of transferring media data to a network coupled apparatus, comprising:

(a) maintaining a personal information space identified with a user including media data comprising a directory of digital media files, the personal information space being coupled to a server and a network;

(b) generating a first ~~copy~~ version of the media data in the personal information space;

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(c) generating a digital media file, in response to an input from the user, comprising a second ~~copy~~ version of the media data in a same format as the first version in the personal information space, the second version including an update not included in the first version;

(d) obtaining difference information comprising differences between the first ~~copy~~ version of the media data and the second ~~copy~~ version of the media data; and

(e) transferring a digital media file over the network containing the difference information from the personal information space to the network coupled apparatus in response to a sync ~~user~~ request made from a web browser at the network-coupled apparatus by the user.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): A system for transferring digital media between a plurality of network coupled devices, comprising:

a personal information store identified with a user containing digital media comprising a directory of digital media files readable by an application program; and a processing

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device, a server and a network ~~associated~~ coupled with the personal information store, the processing device including:

an application data store holding a ~~copy~~ version ~~of a previous state~~ of the digital media in the personal information store, and a device engine ~~comparing at least one change in a record in said personal information store to said record in said application data store and generating an output file including at least one delta of digital media changed in the personal information store relative to the copy of the digital media in the system data store~~ to : a) generate a digital media file, in response to an input from the user, comprising a second version of the media data in a same format as the first version in the personal information store, the second version including an update not included in the first version; (b) obtain difference information comprising differences between the first version of the media data and the second version of the media data; and (c) transfer a digital media file over the network containing the difference information from the personal information space to the network coupled apparatus in response to a sync request made from a web browser at the network-coupled apparatus by the user.

Amendments to the Specification

6. The amendment to the specification filed on 11/15/04 is acknowledged.
7. Please further amend the amendment to the specification filed on 11/15/04 under "Cross-Reference To Related Applications" at page 1 of the specification as following:

--The following applications are cross-referenced and incorporated by reference herein in their entirety:

"Data Transfer and Synchronization System," U.S. Patent No. 6,671,757, issued December 30, 2003, ~~Attorney Docket No. FUSN 1-01002US0~~;

"Data Transfer and Synchronization System," U.S. Patent No. 6,694,336, issued February 17, 2004, ~~Attorney Docket No. FUSN 1-01000US0~~; and

"Data Transfer and Synchronization System," U.S. Patent Application No. 09/491,675, filed January 26, 2000, ~~Attorney Docket No. FUSN 1-01001US2~~.

Each of these related Patents/Application are incorporated herein by reference.--

8. Please amend line 22, page 4 through line 17, page 5 of the specification dated 11/10/2000 as following:

--~~Co-pending Patent~~ application Serial Nos. 09/490,550 now patent number 6,694,336; 09/491,675 now copending; and 09/491,694, now patent number 6,671,757 disclose a novel method and system for synchronization of personal information including that which is conventionally found in desktop applications, personal digital assistants, palm computers, and website calendar and address services, as well as any content in the personal information space

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including file systems, contact information and/or calendaring information. In one aspect, the system disclosed in ~~eo-pending patent~~ applications 09/490,550 now patent number 6,694,336; 09/491,675 now copending; and 09/491,694, now patent number 6,671,757 comprises a series of device engines which can be utilized on or in conjunction with any personal information manager application or device, on servers, or both, which can connect via a communications network, such as the Internet, to transfer information in the form of differenced data between respective applications and respective devices. In essence, the system of ~~eo-pending patent~~ applications 09/490,550 now patent number 6,694,336; 09/491,675 now copending; and 09/491,694, now patent number 6,671,757 creates a personal information space or personal information store that is comprised of the set of transactions which defines the movement of information between one device, the intermediate storage server, and other devices, and which is unique to an individual user or identifier.--

9. Please amend lines 5-6, page 12 of the specification dated 11/10/2000 as following:

--synchronization systems for forth in ~~eo-pending patent~~ application Serial Nos. 09/490,550 now patent number 6,694,336, 09/491,675 now copending, and 09/491,694, now patent number 6,671,757, each of which is hereby--

10. Please amend lines 7-8, page 14 of the specification dated 11/10/2000 as following:

--synchronized to any number of different devices as described in ~~eo-pending patent~~ applications 09/490,550 now patent number 6,694,336; 09/491,675 now copending; and 09/491,694, now patent number 6,671,757.--

11. Please amend lines 10-11, page 20 of the specification dated 11/10/2000 as following:
--as described in the ~~co-pending~~ patent application Serial Nos. 09/490,550 now patent
number 6,694,336; 09/491,675 now copending; and 09/491,694, now patent number 6,671,757.--
12. Please amend lines 7-8, page 23 of the specification dated 11/10/2000 as following:
--disclosed in further detail in ~~co-pending~~ patent application Serial Nos. 09/490,550 now
patent number 6,694,336; 09/491,675 now copending; and 09/491,694, now patent number
6,671,757.--

Drawings

13. The drawings filed on 11/15/04 are acknowledged.

Allowable Subject Matter

14. Claims 1-4, 6-10, 27-29, 31 and 38 are allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Haresh Patel whose telephone number is (571) 272-3973. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn, can be reached at (571) 272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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